Services and 10 years for Cellular Service, the question of periodical renewal does not arise.

Earnings from Telephone connections

35. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone consumers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total earnings on account of security deposit and the earnings from the interest on amount deposited as security; and

(c) the manner in which mis amount is being used by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Total number of telephone consumers i.e. Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) as on 31.01.1999 are 19,821,033. State-wise details given in the statement. *(See* below)

(b) During 1997-98 the department collected a total amount of Rs. 629.02 crores as initial deposit (Registration Fee) from applicants of various categories of telephones. The department does not earn any interest on these collections. In fact, it is the applicants who earn interest on the amounts so deposited in accordance with the rules prescribed in this regard. During 1997-98 a sum of Rs. 29.76 cr. was allowed as such interest by the Department.

(c) The amount so received from prospective telephone subscribers towards Registration fees is being taken to Revenue head of the Department and is treated as Internal Resources of the Department which are used for both its capital and revenue expenditures.

Statement

S.No.	Name of the Telecom Circle	Total Number of DELs
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	12427
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1412059
3.	Assam	182790
4.	Bihar	449214
5.	Gujarat	1396625
6.	Haryana	472359
7.	Himachal Pradesh	196663
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	101703
9.	Karnataka	1368436
10.	Kerala	1241891
11.	Madhya Pradesh	868057
12.	Maharashtra	1697547
13.	North East	132853
14.	Orissa	306466
15.	Punjab	981241
16.	Rajasthan	841599
17.	Tamil Nadu	1327670
18.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	786540
19.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	740416
20.	West Bengal	363556
21.	Calcutta	825580
22.	Chennai	562635
23.	Delhi	1578934
24.	Mumbai	1973772
	TOTAL	19821033

Internet service by MTNL

36. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Tele communications has recently shot down MTNL proposal to start internet services; if so, what were the details of their proposal;

(b) the reasons for rejecting the proposal;

(c) whether public sector players have been provided the level playing field vis-a-vis private sector in providing internet services across the country; and

(d) the details of private sector operating internet services in the country and terms and conditions fixed for their operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Details of the licences issued to private Companies are enclosed in Statement-I *(See* below). A Synopsis of the terms and conditions are available in Statement-II.

Statement-I

List of ISP licences issued to private companies as on 17.02.1999

S.No.	Name of Company	Category	Service Area
1.	M/s. ORTEL COMMN. LTD	*'C'*	Bhubaneswar
2.	M/s. ROLTA India Ltd.	B'	Mumbai
3.	M/s. Surevin Consultants (P) Ltd.	'C	Ghaziabad
4.	M/s. United Internet Comn. (P) Ltd., Mumbai	C	Jaipur
5.	M/s. Bareilly Comn. (P) Ltd.	'C	Bareilly
6.	M/s. Paliwal Financial Services (P) Ltd., Panipat	**'c'**	Karnal
7.	M/s. Somani Overseas Ltd., Surat	**'c'**	Surat
8.	M/s. Arun Girija Comn. (P) Ltd., Patna	**'c'**	Patna
9.	M/s. Kinjaru Appliances (P) Ltd., Ahmedabad	•c	Rajkot
10.	M/s. Eleclip Network Pvt. Ltd.	B'	Ahmedabad
11.	M/s. Weikfield Mneomonix Infonetworks Pvt. Ltd.	C	Pune
12.	M/s. S.N.C. Infotech Pvt. Ltd. Ghaziabad	•c	Ghaziabad
13.	M/s. Zaverchand Cyber Infotech (P) Ltd.	'C'	Vadodara
14.	Srishti Open Systems (P) Ltd. TVM	**'c'**	Trivandrum
15.	M/s. Sukhkarta Fin. Trade Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai	'A'	All India
16.	M/s. Trikon Electronics Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai	B'	Mumbai
17.	M/s. Suchibh Communications Pvt. Ltd., Satara (M.P.)	'C'	Satara
18.	M/s. Satyam Infoway (P) Ltd., Chennai	'A	All India
19.	M/s. S.K. Digital Technology Pvt. Ltd., Durgapur (W.B.)	'C	Durgapur
20.	M/s. C.S. Prosof Tech Informatics Pvt. Ltd., Madurai M/s.	*'C*	Madurai
21.	Indusind Cable Television Ltd., Mumbai	'B'	Mumbai
22.	M/s. Indusind Distribution Ltd., Mumbai	'A'	All India
23.	M/s. Cosnu Link Network (P) Ltd., Surat	C	Baroda
24.	M/s. Cosmc s Link Network (P) Ltd., Surat	C	Surat
25.	M/s. Wipro Ltd., Bangalore	'A'	All India
26.	M/s. Manip al Control Data Electronics Commerce Ltd., Bangalore	'B'	Karnataka
27.	M/s. Zee lefilms Ltd., New Delhi	'A'	All India
28.	M/s. Global Electronic Commerce Services Ltd., New Delhi	'A'	All India
29.	M/s. Southern Online Services Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad	'B'	Andhra Pradesh
30.	M/s. Internet Promoters India Ltd., New Delhi	'B'	Delhi
31.	M/s. Ankhnet Information Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai	B'	Mumbai
32.	M/s. Jain Studios Ltd., New Delhi	C	Ghaziabad
33.	M/s. Swastik Netvision Telecom Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad	'B'	Gujarat
34.	M/s.Gateway Internet Service Pvt. Ltd., Kakinada	'C	Rajahmundry
35.	M/s. Yog kshem Communications Pvt. Ltd., Gwalior	C	Indore
36.	M/s. Yog Kshem Communications Pvt. Ltd., Gwalior	**'c'**	Bhopal
37.	M/s. Bharti Communications (India) Pvt. Ltd., Valsad	'C	Valsad
38.	M/s. Dishnet Limited, Chennai	•A'	All India
39.	M/s. Wilnat Communications Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad	'B'	Gujarat
40.	M/s. Vasne t Commns. Pvt, Ltd.	'C	Mangalore

S.No.	Name of Company	Category	Service Area
41.	M/s. A-Team Information Technology (P) Ltd., Erode	'c'	Erode
42.	M/s. C.G. Faxemail Ltd., New Delhi	'A'	All India
43.	M/s. Bohra Pratisthan Pvt..Ltd., Rajasthan	'C	Udaipur
44.	M/s. Compuwave Interactive Television Pvt. Ltd.	B'	Chennai
45.	M/s. Czar Oleoresin (P) Ltd.	C	Gulbarga
46.	M/s. Czar Oleoresin (P) Ltd.	C	Mangalore
47.	M/s. Masterchip Internet Services	C	Nizamanad
48.	M/s. Vintamaas Network Pvt. Ltd.	'C	Salem
49. "	M/s. Bytes Internet Services Pvt. Ltd.	•c	Valsad
50.	M/s. Data Securities Ltd.	c	Jaipur
51.	M/s. Mylai Karpagambal Information Systems Pvt. Ltd.	B'	Chennai
52.	M/s. Kirloskar Computer Services Ltd,	B'	Karnataka
53.	M/s. Growth Compusoft Export Ltd.	B'	Gujarat
54.	M/s. Blazenet Pvt. Ltd.	'B'	Gujarat
55.	M/s. Baldev Shipbreakers Ltd.	*'c'*	Bhavnagar
56.	M/s. Varada Electronics Pvt. Ltd.	'c'	Nagpur
57.	M/s. IN Technet Ltd.	B'	Andhra Pradesh
58.	M/s. Pioneer On Line Services Pvt. Ltd.	B'	Andhra Pradesh
59.	M/s. Global On Line Services Pvt. Ltd.	'B'	Hyderabad
60.	M/s. Punjab Wireless Systems Ltd.	'A'	All India
61.	M/s. Nomus Internet Systems	'B'	Andhra Pradesh
62.	M/s. Vital Continuity Elect. (P) Ltd.	'C	Ranchi
63.	M/s. Sprint RPG India Ltd.	'A'	All India
64.	M/s. Web Surf Pvt. Ltd., Thane	'C	Kalyan
65.	M/s. VASAVI Solutions (P) Ltd.	'C	Visakhapatnam
66.	M/s. BSES Telecom Ltd.	B'	Mumbai
	'A'	10	
	B'	21	
	'C	35	
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Statement-II

Synopsis of terms and conditions-ISP

(a) Any Indian company with a maximum foreign equity of 49% is eligible.

(b) Category 'A' Service Area - whole of India, Category 'B' Service Area - Any of the 20 territorial Telecom Circles, Metros - Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai and four major cities - Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Pune, Category 'C Service Area - Any Secondary switching area of DOT.

(c) An applicant company may be granted any number of licences and there will be no limit of number of licences granted in a particular area.

(d)Application form costs Rs. 1000/-. Processing fee per application is Rs. 5000/-.

(e)Period of licence - 15 years.

(f)Licence fee - waived for first 5 years and Re. 1/- per annum for subsequent period.

(g)Bank Guarantee - Rs. 2 crores for Category 'A' Service Area, Rs. 20 lakhs for Category 'B' Service Area and Rs. 3 lakhs for Category 'C Service Area.

(h) International connectivity - Through gateways of DOT, VSNL or authorised public/

Government organisations. Private ISPs are allowed to set up gateways after obtaining security clearance.

(i) Establishment of transmission links - Private ISPs can obtain transmission links on lease from DOT, licensed Basic Service Operator, Railways, State Electricity Boards, National Power Grid Corporation etc. They may also establish their own transmission links, provided they are not available from authorised sources and subject to permission of authority.

(j) Telephony on the Internet is not permitted.

Enhancement of Telephone Exchange capacity in Punjab

37. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the plans for enhancement of telephone exchanges capacity in the each district of the country in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 particularly in Punjab;

(b) the number of new lines which will be released in the current year in remote areas;

(c) the respective waiting list for the telephones in each of these States; and

(d) whether Government have fixed any targets to complete expansion network this year in the remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Plan for enhancement of telephone exchanges capacity circle wise for 98-99 is furnished in the Statement-I *(See* below). In Punjab Circle including Chandigarh it is proposed to enhance the capacity by 288600. District-wise break-up for Punjab Circle is enclosed in the Statement-II *{See* below). District-wise break-up for other Telecom Circles in the country is being collected and will be furnished later.

During 1999-2000 it is planned to enhance the capacity of telephone exchanges by 54.70 lakh lines in the Country. District-wise plans for 1999-2000 are not finalised.

(b) In the current year it is proposed to release 36 lakh new lines in the country. Circlewise break up is given in the Statement-Ill *(See* below). These new lines will also cover remote areas depending upon demand.

(c) Statewise waiting list for telephones as on 31.01.1999 is placed at Statement-IV *(See* below).

(d) Government has fixed target to complete expansion network in the country including remote areas, based on demand.

Statement-I

Circle-wise Capacity proposed to be increased during 98-99

S.No	Circle	Capacity
1.	Andhra Pradesh	351250
2.	Andaman Nicobar	7700
3.	Assam	68000
4.	Bihar	185000
5.	Delhi	260000
6.	Gujarat	351250
7.	Haryana	125400
8.	Himachal Pradesh	93000
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	41600
10.	Karnataka	266000
11.	Kerala	453100
12.	Madhya Pradesh	156000
13.	Maharashtra	408100
14.	North East	45200
15.	Orissa	82300
16.	Punjab	288600
17.	Rajasthan	235500
18.	Tamil Nadu	405000
19.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	188000
20.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	193000
21.	West Bengal	172000
22.	Mumbai	270000
23.	Calcutta	140000
24.	Chennai	144000
		4930000